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May 4, 2022

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 1187 (KAMLAGER) AS AMENDED ON MAY 2, 2022 –  
FABRIC RECYCLING: PILOT PROJECT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 1187 (SB 1187), as amended on May 2, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to establish a three-year pilot project in the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura in partnership with garment manufacturers in order to study and report on the feasibility of recycling fabric.

The Task Force is in support of this measure. Textiles are considered organic waste under Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) implementing regulations. Yet, they generally end up in landfills at the end of their useful life. A study of this nature could help to develop textile recycling programs that have the potential to identify and divert large amounts of recyclable textiles from landfills. In addition, recycling programs for textiles can help local jurisdictions efforts in meeting the organics diversion requirements of Senate Bill 1383.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force

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membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 1187. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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